



BARRIER FRUSTRATION

DON'T PASS US BY!

Dogs evolved off leash in open areas, greeting people and other dogs from wherever they wanted. It's very unnatural for them to be enclosed in a kennel with an ever-changing population of unknown dogs around them and with new people constantly passing by.

Each dog manages stress differently in a kennel. While some dogs will adapt easily to a new environment, others may be having a more difficult time adjusting. Some dogs may be frustrated by their inability to interact with the outside world or may bark and growl when unable to escape a situation that makes them uncomfortable.

It is rare for these behaviors to continue in a home, however, be aware that dogs who display these behaviors in our humane center may be more likely to become stressed in a boarding facility. They may also be more likely to growl and bark at another dog or person from behind a fence or while on a leash being walked.

Please see additional handouts and notes from our professional trainers regarding specific behaviors observed in dogs in our care.

Please do not let these behaviors stop you from asking to visit with a particular dog. Many dogs who show barrier frustration are very friendly and will solicit your attention outside of the kennel!

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